

# **Arizona Willow**

*(Salix arizonica)*

## **Conservation Agreement and Strategy**



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# Declaration of Support for the Conservation of Arizona Willow

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We acknowledge and support the cooperative efforts of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and participating cooperators (Arizona Game and Fish Department, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and White Mountain Apache Tribe) that led to development and implementation of the Arizona Willow Conservation Agreement and Strategy. This agreement fully meets the intent of the National Interagency Memorandum of Understanding (94-SMU-058) to conserve species within their natural ecosystems so that protection under the Endangered Species Act is not warranted.

  
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## **DOCUMENT ORGANIZATION**

The **Arizona Willow Conservation Agreement and Strategy** document is organized into several component parts. Part I, the **Conservation Agreement**, includes administrative responsibilities and procedures, a summary of short and long-term actions to be implemented for the conservation of Arizona willow, and commitments of the agencies through line officer authorities. Part II, the **Conservation Assessment**, provides a detailed account of the species' biology, ecology, distribution, and evaluation of threats. Part III, the **Conservation Strategy**, provides a discussion of the overall conservation objectives and implementation procedures. Part IV, **Conservation Strategies by Management Agency**, includes a detailed review of the conservation strategies developed by management agencies, and a population by population account of current habitat conditions, population status, and conservation actions. Within the Appendices are various support documents.

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